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BELGRADE FOR USDEL CSCE

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SUBJ: DIVIDED FAMILIES: FURTHER DEMARCHE TO FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: STATE 270166

1. OUR CONSULAR SECTION HAS COMPILED A LIST OF 77
DIVIDED-FAMILY CASES, INVOLVING A TOTAL OF 137
PERSONS, WHO FALL WITHIN THE POLISH DEFINITION
(I.E., SPOUSE, CHILD, OR PARENT). COPIES OF THAT LIST
ARE BEING SENT TO EUR/EE - JACK SEYMOUR AND TO USDEL CSCE.

2. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AUTHORIZATION FROM THE
DEPARTMENT TO SEND THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO FOREIGN
MINISTER WOJTASZEK. I HOPE THAT, FOLLOWING ITS
PRESENTATION TO HIM HERE, A COPY OF THE LETTER AND
OF THE LIST COULD BE GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI
IN WASHINGTON (WARSAW 8284 AND 8365).

3. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. MINISTER: I REFER TO OUR
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 1977, AND THE DISCUSSION WE
HAD ABOUT FREEDOM OF EMIGRATION. I THEN GAVE
YOU A LIST OF TEN CASES TO ILLUSTRATE MY CONTENTION
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THAT WE HAD PENDING BETWEEN US A LARGE NUMBER OF CASES
WHICH CONSTITUTED DIVIDED FAMILIES ACCORDING TO THE
DEFINITION OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT. AS YOU NO DOUBT
REMEMBER, I PROPOSED THAT WE CONSTITUTE A WORKING
GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY AND THE EMBASSY
TO CONSIDER DIVIDED-FAMILY CASES ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.
I REGRET THAT THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN RESPONSE TO

THAT PROPOSAL.

4. ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT, I AM SENDING YOU HERewith A LIST OF 77 DIVIDED-FAMILY CASES WHICH CONFORM TO THE POLISH GOVERNMENT'S DEFINITION. (THIS LIST INCLUDES THE TEN CASES CONTAINED IN THE PAPER WHICH I GAVE YOU ON NOVEMBER 7.) A TOTAL OF 137 PERSONS IS INVOLVED IN THESE CASES. THREE OF THESE CASES HAVE BEEN PENDING SINCE 1963; SIX SINCE 1965; ELEVEN SINCE 1966; NINE SINCE 1967; AND FOUR SINCE 1968. THE REMAINING 44 CASES ARE OF MORE RECENT ORIGIN.

5. I RECOGNIZE THAT LOCAL POLISH GOVERNMENT OFFICES MAY CONSIDER THAT SOME OF THESE CASES ARE INACTIVE. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THAT IS NOT THE CASE. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, SOME APPLICANTS WHOSE CASES DRAG ON WITHOUT SOLUTION FOR TEN OR MORE YEARS FINALLY CONCLUDE THAT THERE IS NO HOPE OF BEING PERMITTED TO JOIN THEIR RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES AND STOP TRYING. ADDITIONALLY, THE INTERMINABLE DELAYS INVOLVED RESULT IN CASES IN WHICH CHILDREN ATTAIN THEIR MAJORITY, FOLLOWING WHICH POINT IT CAN BE MAINTAINED THAT THEY ARE ADULTS AND NO LONGER CHILDREN. THEN, TOO, PEOPLE DIE AND THEIR CASES BECOME INACTIVE, INDEED.

6. MY GOVERNMENT HAS INSTRUCTED ME TO RENEW THE
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PROPOSAL TO HAVE OFFICERS OF THE MINISTRY AND THE EMBASSY MEET TO DISCUSS THESE CASES ONE-BY-ONE, IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHY THEY HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF THIS WORK COULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING OF YOUR EXCELLENCY WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

7. ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED AS OUTLINED ABOVE.
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